

After Ethnic Chaos, Soviet Debate Starts

Demand for Discipline Answered By Calls for More Compromise

By Bill Keller New York Times Service MOSCOW — From the chaos of mass protest, strikes and ethnic violence that have rocked two southern Soviet republics, a sharp new debate has begun to emerge about what "democracy" means in Mikhail S. Gorbachev's Soviet Union.

south "can be very advantageous, as it gives them an opportunity to say: 'Look where democracy can lead.'"

NEWS ANALYSIS

day strikes have shut down most businesses in Stepanakert, capital of the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, where the Armenian majority demands that it be severed from the Azerbaijani Republic and annexed to the neighboring republic of Armenia.

The ambivalence in the Kremlin has been evident in the way that authorities dealt with the rash of events inspired by Mr. Gorbachev's promises of greater freedom.

Michigan Victory Makes Jackson a Formidable Contender

By Paul Taylor and David S. Broder Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson's breakthrough victory in Michigan voting has transformed him into a formidable contender for the Democratic presidential nomination and prompted astonished party leaders to question the ability of Michael S. Dukakis to compete with him.

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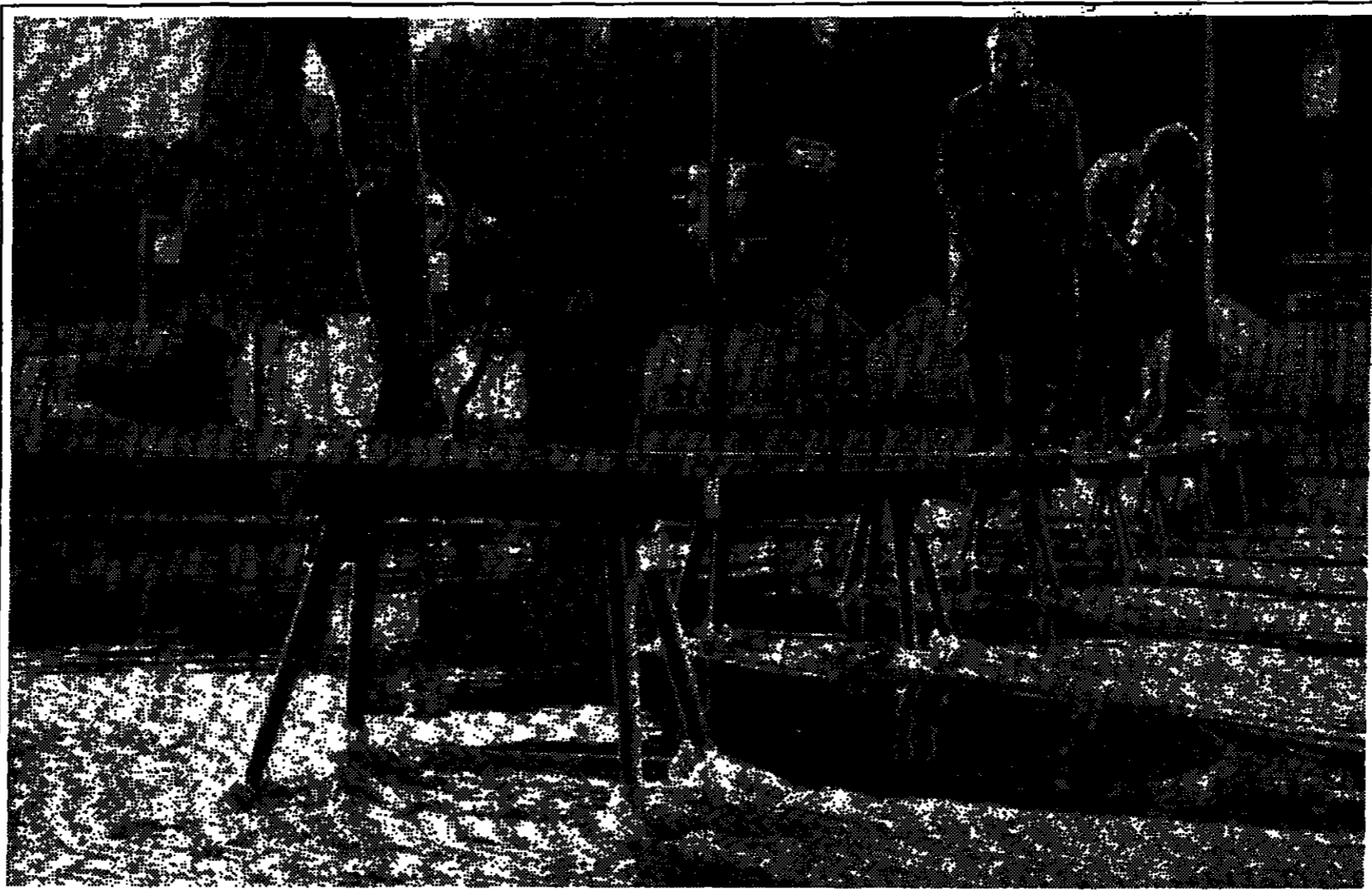
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Occupied Areas Are Shut Off

3-Day Ban Is Set; Israel Expecting Violent Protests

By John Kifer New York Times Service JERUSALEM — The Israeli Army announced Monday that it was sealing off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for the next three days in anticipation of planned Arab demonstrations on Wednesday.



BLOATED DANUBE — Residents of Passau, West Germany, using elevated walkways to make their way through parts of the town. Authorities worked to strengthen the dikes along the river after water burst through dams. Rivers in Europe have been rising, and weekend rains worsened the situation. Page 2.

U.S. Says It Misjudged Noriega's Resistance

By Susan F. Rasky New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has miscalculated the ability of Panama's military leader, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, to withstand American economic pressure aimed at forcing his removal and is considering further moves against him, according to a senior State Department official.

The officials did not make it clear how that could be accomplished. But Panamanian opposition leaders here said they understood from the administration and from leaders in Latin America that the United States had considered seeking his extradition through a request to Costa Rica, which he tried to arrange to visit over the weekend.



Panamanian children waiting outside a church for food distributed by Caritas, a Catholic charity.

Bureaucracy in China To Be Slashed by 20%

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service BEIJING — China announced Monday that its central government, an immense sclerotic organism, would be drastically reorganized and 20 percent of its bureaucratic work force slashed to encourage efficiency and better decision-making.

The phrase "economic reform" is used by the Chinese leadership to encompass the set of policies aimed at moving the country from orthodox socialism toward a more market-oriented economy freed from government controls.

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World Stocks Down Sharply

Stock prices fell sharply Monday in most European and Asian financial centers as the weaker dollar and last week's slump on Wall Street combined to shake investors' confidence.



Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad has tightened his grasp on Malaysia in the past year. Page 6.

Table with exchange rates for The Dollar, DM, Pound, Yen, and FF.

Armenians Stage New Mass Protest

By Bill Keller New York Times Service MOSCOW — Striking Armenian protesters have shut down factories, schools and cargo rail traffic in the provincial capital of Stepanakert in the latest stage of a territorial dispute involving two southern republics, Soviet newspapers reported Monday.

MacArthur: An Old Soldier Japan Can't Forget



General Douglas MacArthur and Emperor Hirohito.

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service TOKYO — The green leather desk chair is faded, and the carpet is musty. But nearly four decades after General Douglas MacArthur was called home, the office from which he ruled over the remaking of defeated Japan remains intact, a monument to that chaotic time and to the often imperious man who still inspires a certain awe among many Japanese.

Herald Tribune

Ozone: A Close Call

For years, environmentalists warned the chemical industry that chlorofluorocarbons were destroying the ozone layer. The industry, led in this case by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., brushed the critics off.

Afghanistan Puzzle

The countdown on Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan is producing turbulence in both Washington and Moscow. In Washington, the widespread and realistic expectation was and is that Soviet troops depart, the regime they created is likely to crumble.

A Pilotless Lemon

The Pentagon spends billions in developing high-tech weapons to offset the Soviet edge in numbers. To understand how perversely this vital agenda is pursued, consider the death of the Aquila, a pilotless plane that the army has been developing for 14 years.

Other Comment

A Force Because He Is Black

Jesse Jackson's stunning victory in Michigan has altered the appearance of the American political landscape. His success is a symbol of what a black American can achieve.

not nominate him. In fact, he is a contender only because he is black; without the solid base of votes from members of his own race, he would not be a candidate at all.



Beware of Small Wars With a Potential to Grow

WASHINGTON — After the INF agreement and other indications of diminished U.S.-Soviet hostility, it has become fashionable among American strategists and policy makers to emphasize the need for an improved capacity to engage in small regional conflicts.

Missiles Galore as the Big Two Dither

WASHINGTON — What can be done to stop the continued proliferation in southwestern Asia of high-tech items, especially surface-to-surface missiles and nuclear and chemical weapons? Unless the root causes of the regional conflicts which spawn these arms races are addressed, there is little hope.

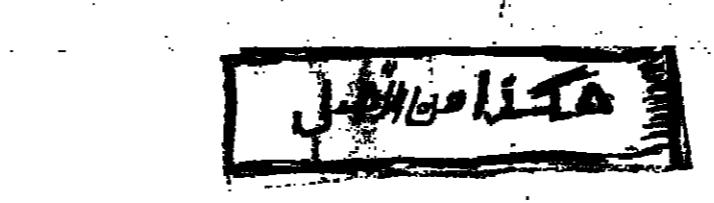
After Michigan: Democrats in Distress

WASHINGTON — The growing dismay in the Democratic Party was captured in contrasting scenes on successive nights last week, the first a kebab-and-beer party in blue-collar Hamtramck, Michigan, and the second a white-and-tails affair in Washington.

In Israel: The Future In Question

By Richard Cohen
JERUSALEM — My old high school friend, taller than I remember him, burst through the door of the hotel. It had been almost 30 years since we last met. Since then, he had wandered far — a dozen years in East Asia, then permanent residence here. His commitment to the Jewish state is unquestionable, his determination to remain beyond doubt. He brings two things: the hope that conditions will improve — and his American passport.

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OPINION

Why It Isn't Time to Help The Nice Man in Moscow

By William Safire

SAN FRANCISCO — On April 15, 1986, when U.S. bombers gave a permanent headache to Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, Bill Casey brought a group of non-CIA economists in to see the president. As bombs fell on Tripoli, statistics about the Soviet economy rang on Ronald Reagan.



I want to take to lunch. The agency had its team, headed by economist Derk Swain, in the thick of the argument.

Russians spend on defense, plus underground facilities and the "cost of empire," is still less than 20 percent.

has taken hold in the Reagan administration; all the hard-liners have been routed. Secretary of State George Shultz has just agreed to link START to "star wars," a huge concession.

When Will a Public Figure Repent as if He Meant It?

By Amitai Etzioni

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Will no American ever again own up to his transgressions and take the punishment like a person of character, setting a much needed example? If you rummage through recent history, you are hard-pressed to think of anyone who has.

MEANWHILE

had deceived Congress, covering up key elements of the Iran-contra affair and the arms-for-hostages deals. He appropriately and extensively expressed deep regret and remorse: "I could have prevented this, and it's all my fault."

The failure to repent is what made a double loser of President Reagan's former political director, Lyn Nofziger. First he violated the law by using his White House contacts for influence-peddling during the short period in which such acts by former high government officials are prohibited.

However, King and the others openly challenged laws they declared to be unjust. They fought to change those laws before they turned to civil disobedience. And then they took their lumps, accepting jail, refusing bail.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shultz: A Different Case

Secretary of State George Shultz's remarkable opinion column "The Case for America's Mideast Peace Plan" (March 29) deserves tribute and respect. It is comforting to read a high-level statement that differs substantially from the most daily articles written excitedly by journalists who sometimes show little knowledge of the roots of the problem.

The most charitable assessment of Mr. Shultz's conduct is that he was a passive participant in the most heinous crime in history. It is indisputable that he committed egregious lies in trying to cover up his actions. That fact should confirm his guilt feelings.

HERBERT BARCOFF, New York

Who's an Anti-Semite?

I found the British Jewish leaders' protest against the award of the 1988 Templeton religious prize to the Pakistani scholar Inamullah Khan (People, March 27) in bad taste, at a time when Israeli leaders espouse views of the Palestinian problem that smack of anti-Semitism.

MURRAY J. CORASHY, Athens

More Than Party at Stake

"This isn't tiddledywinks," we are informed by Governor John R. McKernan Jr. of Maine ("Braising Race Is Worrying Republicans," March 7). "We're talking about the future of our party."

ance of East-West relations, of Latin America and the Third World. We are talking about the globe, about leadership, about vision, about generations yet unborn or never to be born.

David Broder, in "Super Tuesday: The Public Has Rewarded Experience" (Opinion, March 10), informs us that George Bush's primary victories reflect a vote for "experience." What experience? Holding his tongue while Ronald Reagan steps on his? Ineffectually registering "reservations" (if that is what he did) about the Iran-contra affair? Prejudging over a CIA whose history seems to be only tenuously related to traditional American ideals and ethics?

STEVEN BACH, Munich

In response to "As Bush Wins Delegates, His Poll Figures Decline" (March 11):

I hope George F. Will errs when he quotes Vice President George Bush as having said, while "touring" Auschwitz: "Boy, they sure were big on crematoriums, weren't they?" Exhausted candidates on campaign trails say thoughtless things, but such an incredibly astute statement could not be forgiven from a man aspiring to the presidency.

If I can confirm that he did say it, there will be four fewer Republican votes in my family — and even fewer after apprise my friends.

GUNTHER O. STIENEKE, Praia do Carvoeiro, Portugal

No Stone Unspurned

Regarding the feature "The Trials of Socrates and I. F. Stone" (March 16): Mr. Stone's "The Trial of Socrates" has been widely publicized and rated a best seller. It is too bad that reviewers for newspapers and newsmagazines are not more knowledgeable about the subject.

Mr. Stone has tried to pull the experts' teeth by billing himself as the maverick outsider who can beat the academics at their own game. In fact he is only the latest in a long line of revisionists about Socrates. Learning Greek does not ensure wisdom in interpretation, and Mr. Stone is unfailingly naive. Even worse, his view of democracy seems little more than a vague, romantic populism. His book deflates much of the legend of I. F. Stone as a political and social thinker.

JAMES C. HADEN, American School of Classical Studies, Athens

While we the faithful have been contemplating our navels, an autodidact authority on things Greek has been making a killing in the antiquarian bookshops. In this Stone Age of scholarship, when fame without shame is the fashion, Mr. Stone tells us that "the first translation ever made of Plato ... was made in the Renaissance by a Florentine mystic," Cicero, Chalcidius and all authors of partial translations of Plato before Ficino, eat your hearts out! Perhaps "Socrates needed the hemlock as Jesus needed the Crucifixion," but Mr. Stone needs a basic course in Western civilization.

ALBAN URBANAS, Lugano, Switzerland

In 1952, while Korea was still being laid waste, it was clear to I. F. Stone, as Jim Naughton writes, that "the United States and South Korea might have precipitated the North Korean attack that began the war." Now the Reagan administration is pulling out of its grubby Central American bag the same trick. What a triumph for Mr. Stone if a world grown wiser were to growl at that gang of tricksters. "No, not this time."

DAVID DORRANCE, Paris

Waldheim's Conscience

For the chairman of the Royal Jordanian Airline to equate what has been going on in the West Bank and Gaza to the conduct of Kurt Waldheim during the Holocaust (Letters, March 9) violates in the crudest criteria for objectivity. The Jews who were tortured and perished under Hitler did not throw rocks, Molotov cocktails and grenades at the Nazis. Their only "crime" was that they were born Jewish. Even the horrible Spanish legislation gave its victims a choice.



There's still no place like it. Call home.

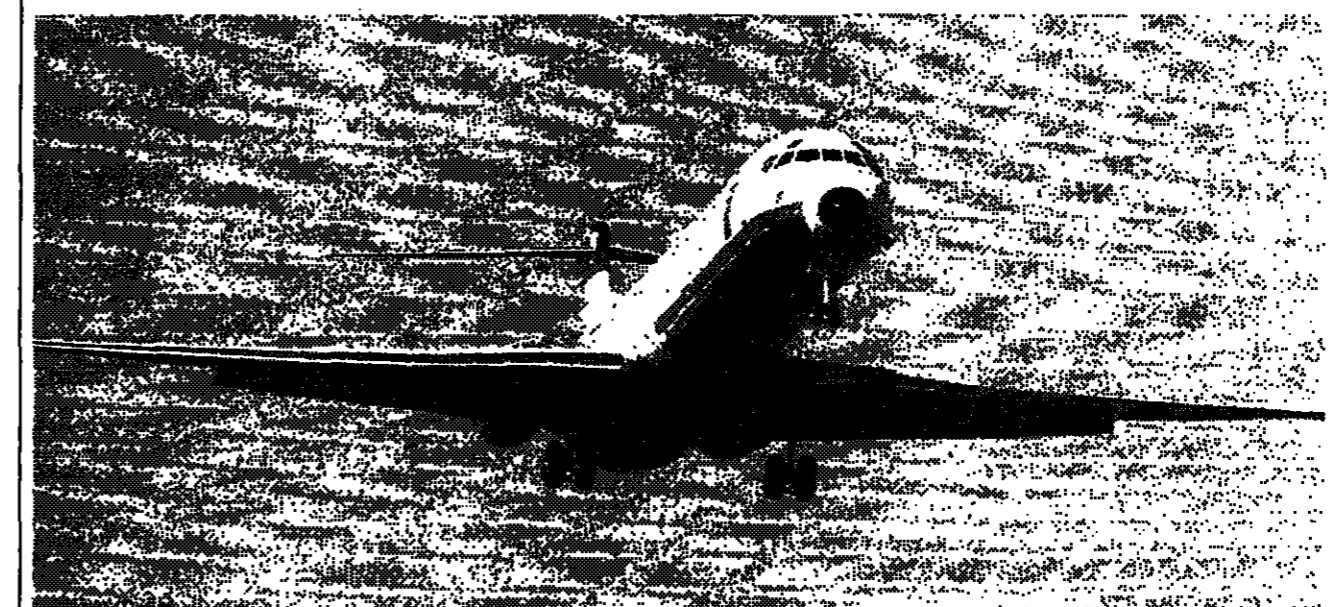
No matter where your business takes you, don't let it take you away from family and friends. Just pick up the phone. And feel the warmth of home. Reach out and touch someone.



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Monday's NYSE Closing

Includes the narrow-range prices on the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

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U.S. Futures

Via The Associated Press

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Corning Sweetens Bid For Laboratory Chain

CORNING, New York — Corning Glass Works increased Monday its tender offer for a chain of chemical-testing laboratories to \$360 million, \$20 million more than a rival bid from SmithKline Beckman Corp.

Corning had announced March 8 an agreement to pay \$260 million for International Chemical Laboratories, or ICL, which is based in Nashville, Tennessee.

On Thursday, SmithKline, the Philadelphia-based pharmaceutical giant, made an unexpected offer of \$340 million, or \$32 a share. SmithKline owns about 1 percent of ICL's 7.6 million shares outstanding.

On Monday, Corning increased its offer for all shares outstanding to \$35 a share, or about \$360 million.

Under its merger agreement, Corning had an option to buy 3 million unissued ICL shares as well as "all the shares owned by certain directors and officers" for \$26 each.

SmithKline said Monday that it was reviewing its position after the sweetened Corning bid. ICL stock rose \$1.75 per share to \$36.75 in over-the-counter trading, while Corning stock fell 87.5 cents per share to \$51.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Corning's Latest Offer

Corning's latest offer, which is subject to federal approval and is contingent on being able to buy a majority of shares, expires April 8.

ICL had sales of \$205 million in its latest fiscal year and profits of \$4.8 million.

If the Corning bid succeeds, ICL will be merged with a Corning laboratory subsidiary, McPath Inc., based in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Corning makes consumer housewares, optical fibers and other telecommunications equipment, and specialty glass and ceramics. Last year, it had sales of \$2.08 billion.

SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories, the company's chemical laboratory division, based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, operates 22 regional laboratories. It reported sales of \$431 million last year.

West German Prices Rise 0.1%

WIESBADEN, West Germany — The cost of living rose 0.1 percent in March from February, according to provisional figures, and stood 1 percent higher than in March last year, the Federal Statistics Office said Monday.

In February, prices rose 0.2 percent from January and were 0.9 percent higher than a year earlier, it said.

The office will publish final figures for March in about 10 days.

Currency Options

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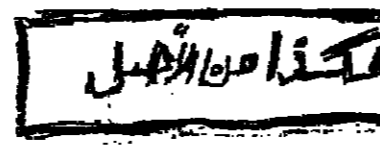
SINGAPORE — An electronic trading link between the second stock markets of the United States and Singapore was to begin today after three postponements since September, exchange officials said.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Higher Gulf Canada Bid Is Accepted by Asamera

TORONTO—Gulf Canada Resources Ltd. announced Monday an agreement to acquire Asamera Inc. after raising its bid to \$12.6 million Canadian dollars (\$412.7 million).

VW-Ford Talks Reported on Car Assembly

WOLFSBURG, West Germany—Volkswagen AG and Ford Motor Co. are studying proposals to assemble a station wagon model at the VW plant in Hannover, a West German newspaper said Monday.

Pearson Reports 25% Rise In Pretax Profit for Year

LONDON—Pearson PLC, the publisher of the Financial Times newspaper, said Monday that its pretax profit jumped 25.4 percent in 1987, partly because of a strong gain in its core publishing and entertainment division.

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Workers Return at Britain's Land Rover

LONDON—Six thousand auto workers at Land Rover, the subsidiary of Britain's Rover Group PLC, returned to work Monday after a five-week strike that cost the British company an estimated £75 million (\$138 million), a company spokesman said.

Kingdom of Sweden Floating Rate Notes due 2005

For the six month period 21st October, 1987 to 21st April, 1988 the amount payable per U.S. \$10,000 Note will be U.S. \$386.09 payable on 21st April, 1988.

Singapore Banks Expect a Profit Slowdown

SINGAPORE—Singapore's four major local banks, which had reported record profits last year, may not do as well this year because of an expected slowing of economic growth and a weak stock market, bankers said.

Indigo Take-off

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CURRENCY MARKETS

DOLLAR: Currency's Fall Drags Down Stock Prices

Continued from first finance page) they expect the dollar to remain under pressure. In Tokyo, where trading ends as European day begins, the dollar fell at 124.50 yen, down from 5.35 on Friday.

Table with 3 columns: Currency, Rate, and % Change. Includes Deutsche mark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, and French franc.

The dollar was also weaker against the British pound, which closed at \$1.8595, more than 2 cents up from \$1.8360 on Friday.

In London, one dealer said that the dollar's gradual drift downward was a possible reason that no central bank support had been observed in Europe.

Canadians Debate Their Dollar's Rise

By John F. Burns New York Times Service TORONTO — After 12 years of taking their currency at a discount to the U.S. dollar, Canadians have suddenly found themselves in a position of strength and confidence.

For months, the Canadian rates have averaged about 2.5 percent higher than the rate on equivalent U.S. Treasury notes; since commercial interest rates are keyed to the Treasury rate, the spread between Canadian and U.S. rates for commercial loans and mortgages is about the same.

around 1.6250 could be set within the next few days, one dealer said. The dollar's weakness stole the limelight from the pound, which firmed against the mark after easing on Friday after the government reported a larger-than-forecast current account deficit of 2720 million (\$1.34 billion) in February.

Chile Increasingly Looks Across Pacific for Trade Links

By Shirley Christian New York Times Service SANTIAGO — A new cartoon character has shown up in Chilean newspapers in the past year: a cowboy-hatted kangaroo, its pouch stuffed with dollars, telephones and the documents of complicated financial deals.



Investments in Chile by the Australian entrepreneur Alan Bond inspired the use of the cartoon kangaroo character.

The kangaroo is a sign of the times as Chile's fast-growing, free-market economy increasingly looks across the Pacific, to Asia, Australia and New Zealand, for trade and investments.

It was Alan Bond, the entrepreneur from Perth, who first inspired Chilean cartoonists to use the kangaroo. Last year he paid \$500 million for 90 percent of a gold mine in Chile's northern desert.

led by Mitsubishi Corp. in the Escondido mine project. Chilean fruit exporters also complained that they considered a breakthrough this month with the first shipments of grapes to Japan.

Economic ties with China are developing on several fronts, ranging from China's construction of hydroelectric plants in Chilean villages to the establishment of a \$10 million copper tubing plant in Beijing by two Chilean companies.

Monday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar volume.

Table of OTC prices for various stocks, including columns for stock name, price, and volume.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 12-month high/low, stock name, price, and volume. Includes sections for A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

World Bank Backers in U.S. Congress Balk at Request for Extra Capital

By Clyde H. Farnsworth New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Some of the strongest backers of the World Bank, which has never had a lot of friends in the U.S. Congress, may turn against it in an election-year showdown over the need for extra capital.

House liberals such as John J. LaFalce, Democrat of New York, and Bruce A. Morrison, Democrat of Connecticut, say they will fight the spending unless the Reagan administration discusses an international "debt facility" that would lighten the crushing debt load borne by most developing countries.

Under such a plan, the debt of a developing country would be acquired from commercial banks at a discount by an institution that could be related to the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund, and the savings would be passed on to the country.

A proposal calling on the president to negotiate a debt facility organization is contained in both the House and Senate trade bills that conferees are trying to pull together this week. But a Treasury official warned that such a proposal could be "veto bait."

other country that will cost jobs of West Virginia steelworkers," said the Senate majority leader, Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia.

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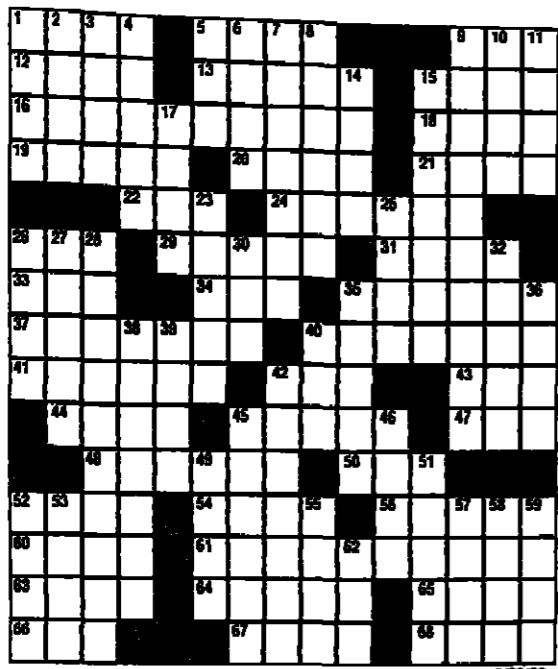
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Japan Industrial Output Rose 2.3% in February

TOKYO — Japan's industrial production rose a preliminary, seasonally adjusted 2.3 percent in February from the previous month, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Monday.

Output had risen 0.6 percent in January. Unadjusted output rose 12.5 percent in February from a year earlier, after an increase of 9.2 percent the previous month.



ACROSS: 1 Basic things, 5 British pokey, 8 Noncom, 12 Actor Calhoun, 13 Roman courts, 15 Run leader, 16 Act to impress the audience, 18 This may be proper, 19 Income's opposite, 20 British princess, 21 Angel, in Paris, 22 Be mistaken, 24 "Do not go... D. Thomas, 26 Small untruth, 29 Sacred composition, 31 Spits, 32 Black cuckoo, 34 Vegas, 35 Papal envoy, 37 Small sailing ship, 40 Bothered, 41 Invest, 42 — capita, 43 Journey unit, 44 Horse poem, 45 About, 47 Shakespearean sot, 48 Houston team, 50 Dress edge, 52 Er — (The says): Ger.

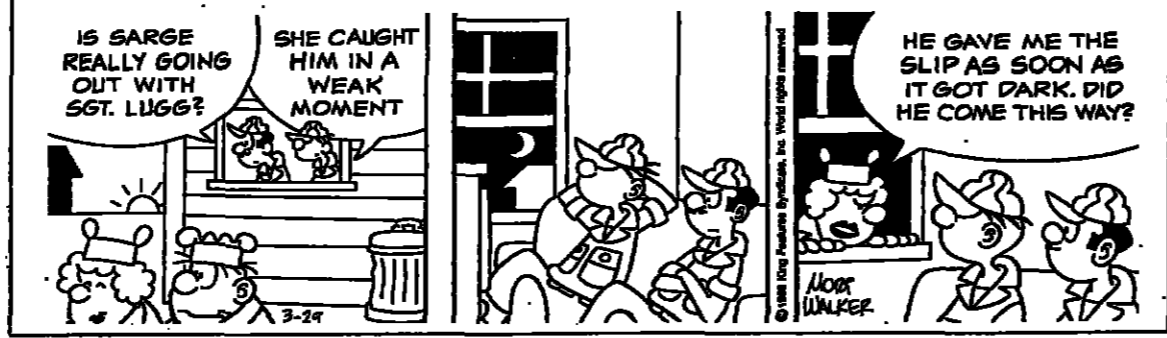
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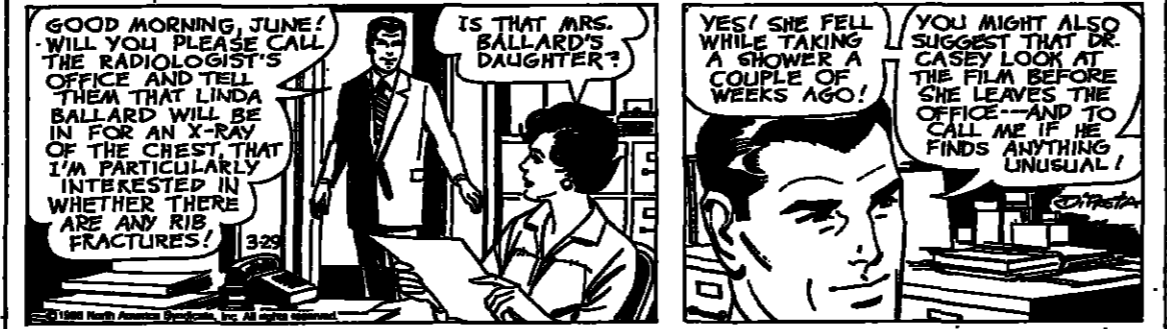
DENNIS THE MENACE



JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle instructions and a grid of letters to be rearranged into words.

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BOOKS

THE BEAUTIFUL ROOM IS EMPTY

By Edmund White. 228 pages. \$17.95. Alfred A. Knopf, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

THE subject is homosexuality in Edmund White's new novel, "The Beautiful Room Is Empty," whose title comes from a letter by Franz Kafka about the inability of two like-minded people to make contact. Several considerations make the book universal. It is a sequel to the author's earlier novel of development, the ironically titled "A Boy's Own Story," which recounted the nameless narrator's life from childhood through adolescence and succeeded with great skill in rendering his awakening sexual tastes in terms that any open-minded reader could identify with.

writes: "It felt, at least to me, like a big gay country of families on drowsy holiday, a stuffed in one oversized car and discussing it mileage they were getting and the next room stop they'd be making, a country where no one else was like me — or worse, where there was no question of talking about the sex and its discomfiting, isolation, self-hatred, its burning ambition for sex and power."

The narrator's story, then, is in part one of self-discovery. Eventually, he chooses to be a writer, "to redeem the sin of my life by turning it into the virtue of art." As he begins reports of his discipline: "At first I'd be lonely, afraid, itchy, very afraid to go on with my story, afraid it was too good, afraid was terrific and I was about to spoil it, afraid would be better than I understood and I would never know how to equal it again, afraid it would be cold, repellent, inhuman, and my friend would see through me and realize I wasn't a nice guy after all."

Solution to Previous Puzzle

A grid of letters for a puzzle solution, including words like BLOSSOM, ADMAN, BLOB, ARAL, TEASE, REVE, LOGO, TALKED, OVER, TINKLE, EDUCING, TENE, DINA, HASTENS, ENDS, HALTS, OPS, EVIL, MARK, HELLO, BRA, LITER, ELAN, BERT, REDDOW, REPASTS, DADA, ATTU, SPEEDER, ACHERON, TURNED, ACK, ENTO, ALOT, TORTE, MERO, BESS, ORMER, SDAK.

Relief then comes in a disconcerting way. The police raid the Stonewall, a Greenwich Village hangout that the narrator and his friends hang out to be "turning a trick" in, instead of running away in shame the inebriated ants stand fast and begin to riot. Gay liberation has arrived; it is their Bastille Day, and we find ourselves cheering, even in the face of what we know is to come — and what White must surely write about in another sequel. Such is the subtlety and strength of "The Beautiful Room Is Empty" that we actually find ourselves cheering.

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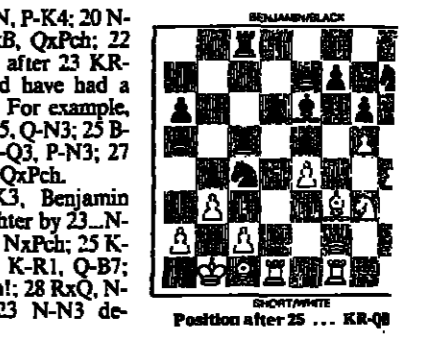
By Robert Byrne

THE 63rd running of the traditional Hastings International Tournament in England was won by Nigel Short. The 22-year-old British grandmaster scored 9.5 to top one of the strongest fields ever assembled for this event. Jonathan Speelman, a 31-year-old British grandmaster, came in second with 8.5-5.4.

In the sixth round, Short out-fought the Brooklyn grandmaster Joel Benjamin in a sharp, tactical Richter-Rauzer Sicilian Defense. One of the tactical foundations of 8...P-KR3 is that White cannot sustain his pin with 9...R-R4! because the forced gambit with 9...N-P3; 10 Q-B4, N-N4; 11 N-N, P-N; 12 Q-R4, Q-N3; 13 P-B4, N-R2 is not sound.

The necessary underpinning of 9...P-K3 is that 9...N-KN5! can be refuted by 10 N-N, P-N; 11 B-B5, B-N2; 12 P-KR3, P-B; 13 QxQch, R-X; 14 R-Xch, K-X; 15 P-N.

It was an achievement for Benjamin to bring his queen knight to such a good attacking outpost with 14...N-B5. Nevertheless, the underlying problem of this variation for Black remained: because of 8...P-R3, he could not castle without allowing White to break open a kingside file with P-KR4 and P-N5. After 19 P-KR4, Benjamin could have won two pawns by 18...NxB; 19 QxN, P-K4; 20 N-B5, B-N; 21 PxB, QxPch; 22 K-R1, QxP, but after 23 KR-B1, White would have a powerful attack. For example, 23...O-O; 24 B-Q5, Q-N3; 25 B-K4, Q-K3; 26 Q-Q3, P-N3; 27 B-Q5, Q-Q2, 28 QxPch.



Position after 25...KR-Q8

lost for Black, who cannot play 29...RXP?; 30 Q-N8d. Perhaps 26...R-B1 we have given Short a reprieve any case, his 26...N-Rch; BxR, RXP; 28 R-Q2, Rch; QxR had the flaw that 29...Q would lose to 30 BxR, Pch; Q-KB2; R-B1; 32 Q-R7ch.

The punch, 31 BxPch; Q 32 RXPch, buried the Amen into a lost ending. After 38 Q7, Benjamin gave up.

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, March 28

Table of stock market data for various countries including Amsterdam, Johannesburg, London, Zurich, Tokyo, Sao Paulo, Madrid, Singapore, Milan, Paris, Frankfurt, and Sydney.

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WEATHER

Weather forecast tables for Europe, Asia, Latin America, and North America.

MIDDLE EAST

Weather forecast table for the Middle East.

OCEANIA

Weather forecast table for Oceania.

TUESDAY'S FORECAST - CHANNEL: Rough, FRANKFURT: Cloudy, Temp. 4-14 (F) - 31 (LOWERS); Cologne: Temp. 16-7 (F) - 61 (HIGHER); Madrid: Cloudy, Temp. 14-21 (F) - 57 (LOW); New York: Fair, Temp. 21-18 (F) - 70 (HIGHER); Paris: Cloudy, Temp. 11-14 (F) - 52 (LOW); Rome: Partly cloudy, Temp. 11-14 (F) - 52 (LOW); Tel Aviv: Partly cloudy, Temp. 11-14 (F) - 52 (LOW); Toronto: Partly cloudy, Temp. 11-14 (F) - 52 (LOW).

SPORTS

Arizona Breezes Into the Final Four, 70-52

By Michael Wilbon
Washington Post Service
SEATTLE — Throughout the West Regional of the NCAA basketball tournament, teams figured that because Arizona hadn't been involved in more than two close games all season, the way to beat the Wildcats was to hang even for 35 minutes and see if they could stand up to the pressure.

North Carolina shot 41 percent the first half, but led because it had seven offensive rebounds to Arizona's none. Its shooting fell off even more after intermission and wound up at an abysmal 35.7 percent for the game.

As poorly as the Tar Heels shot, they led at 42-40 on guard Ranzino Smith's three-point basket with just over 14 minutes to play. That's when Tolbert, who made 7 of 11 shots the second half, changed the course of the game.

Looking for an inside basket, he was backed by Reid, who drew his third foul. Tolbert went up for a shot (to draw a two-shot foul), but his back was to the basket. That didn't faze Tolbert, who spun the ball over his head without looking back. It hit the glass and went through. The subsequent free throw was good, giving Arizona the lead, 43-42.

Coach Olson loves those, when Tom twists that big body around, wiggles a little and throws it behind his ear," Kerr said. "It was a lucky shot, but it was a great play because all he was trying to do was draw the foul, which he did. If the whistle doesn't blow, you'll hear a buzzer and see him on the bench in three seconds."



Arizona's Tom Tolbert, keeping control of the ball despite a lunging Rick Fox, shot 7-for-11 in Sunday's second half to propel the Wildcats past North Carolina, 70-52, for the West Regional title.

North Carolina couldn't keep it close because it shot 31 percent the second half, allowing Arizona to advance to the Final Four with a 70-52 victory.

The Wildcats (35-2) left with their 15th straight triumph, with an average margin of 26 points in their four victories in this tournament — and with the feeling that their critics have been silenced.

Well, the Wildcats were this good after trailing by 28-26 at half-time: 58 percent shooting, 50 percent foul shooting, and only two turnovers.

John Wooden's teams at UCLA won 10 national championships in 12 seasons, beginning in 1954 and ending in 1975 with his retirement as coach. No coach at college has come close to that record.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, this year's NCAA logo is a gold medallion with a red 5 and a brown basketball for the 0. But aside from the absence of green, as in dollars, the most symbolic color of the Final Four is missing.

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McCumber Easy Winner of TPC Golf

By Gordon S. White Jr.
New York Times Service
PONTE VEDRA, Florida — Mark McCumber, who grew up on the landscaping business for the pro golf tour 10 years ago, completed a record score of 15-under-par 273 on the Tournament Players Club course Sunday to easily win the Players Championship.

McCumber, 36, who was born in nearby Jacksonville and lives only three miles from the TPC course, had a huge hometown gallery cheering him on as he ran away from the field to beat Mike Reid by four shots.

David Frost and Fulton Allem, both of South Africa, were tied, with Curt Brynner another shot back at 278.

SCOREBOARD

Preseason Baseball

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and their records.

Golf

Table listing top finishers and earnings in the PGA Players Championship.

European Soccer

Table listing Spanish First Division matches and results.

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BASEBALL
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Hockey

NHL Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

Tennis

Table listing tennis tournaments and winners.

Basketball

NCAA Tournament

Table listing NCAA Tournament participants and results.

Mets' Robinson Ready for Next Step — Managing

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service
PORT ST. LUCIE, Florida — Bill Robinson is a black man who wants to be a baseball manager. He's serious enough about gaining experience that this winter he managed in Latin America, picking up a case of malaria as a souvenir.

Robinson was then included in a totally logical trade for Kevin McReynolds, a white outfielder. And last winter, the Mets dealt Rafael Santana, a dark-skinned Dominican, to open the shortstop job for Kevin Elster, who is white.

Robinson said, "If you have to trade a man to make room, that has nothing to do with black and white."

Robinson wants a job, but not because somebody sends around a memo to hire a black manager. "The only thing I ask is that instead of people having their eyes closed, their eyes be open a little bit," he said. "I'm qualified. I can manage."

Large advertisement for International Classifieds, featuring various escort and guide services with contact information.

